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SUBJECT: UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY: SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OPENS

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1. THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENED ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 1 AND PRODUCED NO SURPRISES. SEVERAL OBSERVERS REFERRED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SCHEDULED ADDRESS TO BE PRESENTED BY AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN IN THE AFTERNOON AS THE REAL STARTING GUN OF THE SESSION.

2. IN CHAIR, GA PRESIDENT BOUTEFLIKA FOR THE MOMENT DEFTLY SIDESTEPPED THE CREDENTIALS QUESTION, WHICH COULD HAVE REOPENED THE ISSUE OF SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPATION (SEPTTEL). (THE SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION'S SEATS WERE EMPTY.)

3. IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS (POUCHING FULL TEXT), BOUTEFLIKA TRIED TO PLACE THE "NON-ALIGNED" STAMP ON THE PROCEEDINGS, RECALLING THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION AND THE ALGIERS CONFERENCE (1973) PROPOSAL THAT A SPECIAL SESSION BE HELD. HIS CHOICE OF RHETORIC REFLECTED THE TEMPER OF THE LIMA CONFERENCE. IT WAS AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO SOUND CONSTRUCTIVE AND CONCILIATORY WITHOUT ABANDONING ESSENTIAL NON-ALIGNED POSITIONS. FOR
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EXAMPLE, A PARAGRAPH CHARGING WESTERN EXPLOITATION OF THE

THIRD WORLD WAS FOLLOWED BY ONE AFFIRMING THE INTER-DEPENDENCE OF STATES AND ASSERTING THAT "IT IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE FOR ANYONE TO IMPOSE SOLUTIONS OF HIS CHOICE." HE CHALLENGED THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ABANDON THEIR "PRIVILEGES" AND PARTICIPATE IN ESTABLISHING "THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER." WE SHALL REPORT FURTHER, PARTICULARLY REGARDING BOUTEFLLIKA'S OPEN-SKY ECONOMIC DEMANDS. INCIDENTALLY, APPLAUSE FOR BOUTEFLLIKA'S SPEECH WAS REMARKABLY SHORT AND MODERATE.

4. OTHER PRINCIPAL SPEAKER WAS SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM, WHO IN UNDRAMATIC WAY AFFIRMED IMPORTANCE OF SPECIAL SESSION AND ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO DEAL CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH THE NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD.

5. OTHER ITEMS ON THIS MORNING'S AGENDA WERE APPROVED WITHOUT DEBATE -- CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION TO BE THE SAME AS FOR THE 29TH UNGA; ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION AND AGENDA ADOPTED AS RECOMMENDED A/10190/ADD.1. GENERAL DEBATE BEGINS THIS AFTERNOON WITH BRAZIL, USA, ITALY, VENEZUELA AND GUATEMALA SCHEDULED TO SPEAK. MOYNIHAN

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